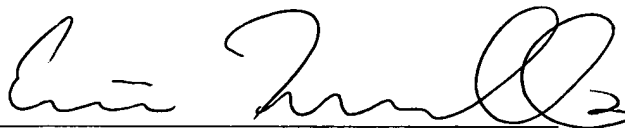


Remarks

Claims 1-23 are now pending in this application. Applicants have amended the claims to delete multiple dependencies to reduce the filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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